

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appl. No. To Be Assigned

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For: CLAMP PAD AND BAR CLAMP ASSEMBLY

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows: